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Dear Jim:

The Commission was discharged by the President upon presentation of its report and delivery of its files to the National Archives. There is no longer any Commission or staff to act concerning your suggestion in your memorandum of November 8, 1966. In my opinion, the former Commissioners and the former staff of the Commission have no more legal standing to ask that they be allowed to examine the photographs and X-ray pictures made in connection with the autopsy of President Kennedy than any other citizens.

Thus, if you or any other citizen desires to examine such materials and can persuade the proper authorities to allow you to do it, that is your right. For myself, I am satisfied with the testimony of the doctors who performed the autopsy and whose statements, in my opinion, were the best evidence of what was seen and heard at the autopsy. In the final analysis, I think our report must stand or fall on the basis of what it contains.

Sincerely,

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